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Renewal of commitment and future action for children in the next decade

Draft report of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole

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Addendum

1. The Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole considered the pending paragraphs of the outcome document, A world fit for children, contained in document A/S-27/2/Add.1 (Part II), at its resumed 2nd meeting, on 10 May 2002.

2. At the same meeting, the Ad Hoc Committee approved the following amendments and recommended the paragraphs, as amended, to the special session for adoption:

(a) Paragraph 4 was replaced by the following paragraph:

"We reaffirm our obligation to take action to promote and protect the rights of each child, every human being below the age of 18 years, including adolescents. We are determined to respect the dignity and to secure the well-being of all children. We acknowledge that the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the most universally embraced human rights treaty in history, and its Optional Protocols contain a comprehensive set of international legal standards for the protection and well-being of children. We also recognize the importance of other international instruments relevant for children."

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(b) Paragraph 8 was replaced by the following paragraph:

"We recognize that the implementation of the present Declaration and Plan of Action require not only renewed political will, but also the mobilization and allocation of additional resources at both the national and international levels, taking into account the urgency and gravity of the special needs of children."

(c) Paragraph 10 was replaced by the following paragraph:

"The World Declaration and Plan of Action of the World Summit for Children are among the most rigorously monitored and implemented international commitments of the 1990s. Annual reviews were held at the national level and progress reports presented to the General Assembly. A mid-decade review and an extensive global end-decade review were conducted. The latter included high-level regional meetings in Beijing, Berlin, Cairo, Kathmandu and Kingston, which reviewed progress; ensured follow-up to the Summit and other major conferences; promoted renewed commitment to the achievement of the goals of the world summit; and guided actions for the future. Complementing efforts by Governments, a wide range of actors participated in the reviews, including children, young people's organizations, academic institutions, religious groups, civil society organizations, parliamentarians, the media, United Nations agencies, donors and major national and international non-governmental organizations."

(d) The pending text in paragraph 12 was agreed upon as in A/S-27/2/Add.1 (Part II)

(e) Paragraph 28 was replaced by the following paragraph:

"We will take measures to manage our natural resources and protect and conserve our environment in a sustainable manner. We will work to change unsustainable patterns of production and consumption, bearing in mind principles, including the principle that, in view of different contributions to global and environmental degradation, States have common but differentiated responsibilities. We will help to educate all children and adults to respect the natural environment for their health and well-being."

(f) Paragraph 29 was replaced by the following combined text from paragraphs 29 and 30:

"The Convention on the Rights of the Child and its Optional Protocols contain a comprehensive set of international legal standards for the protection and well-being of children. We also recognize the importance of other international instruments relevant for children. The general principles of, inter alia, the best interests of the child, non-discrimination, participation and survival and development provide the framework for our actions concerning children, including adolescents. We urge all countries to consider, as a matter of priority, signing and ratifying or acceding to the Convention on the Rights of the Child, its Optional Protocols, as well as ILO Conventions 138 and 182. We urge States Parties to fully implement their treaty obligations and to withdraw

reservations incompatible with the object and purpose of the Convention and to consider reviewing reservations with a view to withdrawing them."

(g) At the end of paragraph 29 bis, the following text was added:

"... and urge States Parties to fully implement them."

(h) Paragraph 30 was deleted

(i) Paragraph 30 bis was replaced by the following paragraph:

"We, the Governments participating in the special session, commit ourselves to implementing the Plan of Action through consideration of such measures as:

"(a) Putting in place, as appropriate, effective national legislation, policies and action plans and allocating resources to fulfil and protect the rights and to secure the well-being of children;

"(b) Establishing or strengthening national bodies, such as, inter alia, independent ombudspersons for children, where appropriate, or other institutions for the promotion and protection of the rights of the child;

"(c) Developing national monitoring and evaluation systems to assess the impact of our actions on children;

"(d) Enhancing widespread awareness and understanding of the rights of the child."

(j) Paragraph 32 bis was replaced by the following paragraph:

"Taking into account the best interests of the child, we commit ourselves to implement the following goals, strategies and actions with appropriate adaptations to the specific situation of each country and the diverse situations and circumstances in different regions and countries throughout the world."

(k) Paragraph 35 (xxviii) was replaced by the following paragraph:

"Develop legislation, policies and programmes, as appropriate, at the national level and enhance international cooperation to prevent, inter alia, the exposure of children to harmful environmental contaminants in the air, water, soil and food."

(l) The chapeau of paragraph 38 was agreed upon as in A/S-27/2/Add.1 (Part II)

(m) Paragraph 39 was replaced by the following paragraph:

"Hundreds of millions of children are suffering and dying from war, violence, exploitation, neglect and all forms of abuse and discrimination. Around the world children live under especially difficult circumstances: permanently disabled or seriously injured by armed conflict; internally displaced or driven from their countries as refugees; suffering from natural and man-made disasters, including such perils as exposure to radiation and dangerous chemicals; as children of migrant workers and

other socially disadvantaged groups; as victims of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance.

"Trafficking, smuggling, physical and sexual exploitation and abduction, as well as the economic exploitation of children, even in its worst forms, are daily realities for children in all regions of the world, while domestic violence and sexual violence against women and children remain serious problems.

"In several countries, there have been social and humanitarian impacts from economic sanctions on the civilian population, in particular women and children."

(n) The chapeau of paragraph 41 was agreed upon as in A/S-27/2/Add.1 (Part II)

(o) In paragraph 41, the following paragraph was inserted:

"(xvi bis) Provide protection and assistance to refugees and internally displaced persons, the majority of whom are women and children, in accordance with international law, including international humanitarian law."